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In re Application of: Burrell *et al.* :
Serial No.: 09/524,027 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: March 13, 2000 : Examiner: Kim M. Lewis
For: TRANSCUTANEOUS MEDICAL
DEVICE DRESSINGS
AND METHODS OF USE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001 for which a response is due by **June 5, 2002** (three months extended). Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, delete the paragraph at lines 9 - 22, and replace with the following:

A securement device is taught for securing an intravenous device to the body in US Patent 3,918,446, issued November 11, 1975 to Buttaravoli. The device has an upper and a lower pad, between which the intravenous device is fixed. Since the function of the device is to secure the device to the body, there is a teaching to provide an adhesive material to the bottom of lower pad, and to the bottom of the top pad. There is a mention of providing the adhesive with an antibacterial agent. This device has the disadvantage of using adhesives with the antibacterial agent, which limits the effectiveness and long lasting ability of the antibacterial agent. Furthermore, the adhesive can be irritating next to the skin, cause skin damage and patient discomfort on removal, and inhibits the removal or changing of the device. Furthermore, many

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